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TAGS: ELAB, SHUM, PINS, ICFTU, AR
SUBJECT: PROMINENT PERONIST LABOR LEADER REPORTEDLY ABDUCTED

ACTION: SECSTATE WASHDC

INFO: AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS
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ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)

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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

(☒) Release (☐) Excise (☐) Deny

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1. Garcia has been maintaining steadfastly to all inquirers that he was never abducted, that he spent the evening of August 15 at his home and that he has no idea how the story ever started. Members of the "Committee of 5" now say that the individual who called them by phone alleging the abduction and identifying himself as Garcia's brother was an impostor.
2. Some labor sources remain suspicious about Garcia's explanation, or lack thereof, but in view of the position he is taking, we see no point in pursuing this matter further--particularly as Garcia was back in his union hall the next day (August 16) showing no signs of any

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3. FYI. According to press accounts, ICFTU sent a message to President Videla last week requesting energetic measures to bring about Garcia's immediate release from his captors (sic). END FYI.

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